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The following is not a complete transcript of the fish and game laws. It is issued annually and is intended merely as a concise statement of the provisions most likely to be of general interest.

LICENSES

Licenses issued by city and town clerks and at office of Division. Applicant must appear in person and sign in presence of issuing clerk.

License required for: Fishing (in all inland waters), Hunting (any bird or mammal) and Trapping. Must be carried in possession and shown on demand of all officers empowered to enforce these laws and to landowners, lessees and their agents.

Minors between the ages of 15 and 18 years must have the written consent of parent or guardian. License issued at the discretion of city or town clerk, or Director.

Special licenses necessary for dealers, propagators, taxidermists, fur-buyers and for the possession of wild life—apply to Director of the Division.

FEES

RESIDENT CITIZEN: (resident for six consecutive months):

Sporting	$3.25
Enlisted or commissioned personnel in the military or naval services of the United States (for duration of war)	**Free**
Hunting	2.00
Fishing	2.00
Minors between the ages of 15 and 18, and women	1.25
Trapping	5.25
Minors between the ages of 15 and 18	2.25
Duplicate licenses	.50

No charge for sporting licenses to resident citizens over 70 years of age; also, no charge for fishing licenses to recipients of old age assistance between 65 and 70 years of age.

NON-RESIDENT CITIZEN

Sporting	15.25
Enlisted or commissioned personnel in the military or naval services of the United States (for duration of war)	2.00
Hunting	10.25
Fishing	5.25
Minors between the ages of 15 and 18	2.25
Special license good for three consecutive days as specified on license	1.50
Trapping	15.25
Duplicate licenses	.50

EXEMPTION: Minors less than 15 years of age, no license required for fishing. Any legal resident of the Commonwealth or any member of his immediate family residing on land ownd or leased by him may hunt or trap on such land or may fish in any inland waters bordered by such land without a license *if he is or they are actually domiciled thereon and land is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.*

EXCEPTIONS: To non-resident citizens owning real estate in Massachusetts assessed for not less than $1,000 and clubs or associations (incorporated for the purpose of hunting, fishing or trapping) owning land equal in value to $1,000 for each member, fees the same as for resident citizens.

PENALTIES: Licenses revoked for one year in addition to other penalties and fines up to $500.00.

ALL HOLDERS OF SPORTING, HUNTING, OR TRAPPING LICENSES: Must file with city or town clerk, or at office of Director, a written report stating number of birds or mammals taken during preceding calendar year before obtaining a new license.

Hunt and fish for the sport. Kill only what you need and save the rest for another day.

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HUNTING

OPEN SEASONS — ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

Species	Open season	Daily bag limit	Seasonal limit
Hares and rabbits*	Oct. 20 to Feb. 15	2 Hares — 5 Rabbits	—
Moose	No open season	—	—
Opossum	Oct. 10 to Jan. 1	—	—
Pheasant (cocks only)	Oct. 20 to Nov. 20	2	6
Quail**	Oct. 20 to Nov. 20	4	20
Raccoon***	Oct. 10 to Jan. 1	2	10
Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)	To be announced later	—	—
Squirrel (Gray)	Oct. 20 to Nov. 20	5	15
Wood duck	No open season	—	—
Woodcock	Season to be announced later in accordance with Federal regulations.		

DUCKS, GEESE, BRANT, SORA, COOT, RAILS, GALLINULES—season to be announced later, in accordance with Federal regulations. For further information, request copy of migratory game bird regulations at the office of this Division.

SNIPE— no open season.

*Hares and rabbits—Exception—Nantucket County, open season November 20 to last day of February; daily limit, 2 hares, 3 rabbits. Dukes County, open season November 15 to February 15; daily limit, 2 hares, 5 rabbits.

**Quail—Exception—Closed in Berkshire, Essex, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire Counties.

***Raccoon—Exception—No more than 2 from sunset of one day to sunset of the following day by one person or 3 by two or more persons hunting in the same group; seasonal limit, 10.

DEER: Open season, daily from 6:30 a.m. (E.S.T.) to 5:00 p.m. (E.S.T.) beginning Monday, December 2 through Saturday, December 7. Seasonal bag limit, one deer. Closed in Dukes County. Only shotguns not larger than 10 gauge and bows and arrows to be used. The possession of rifles, revolvers, pistols or dogs in any wood or field or on any highway, or the use of same on any game prohibited (day and night) from 6:30 a.m. (E.S.T.) on Monday, December 2 through 5:00 p.m. (E.S.T.) on Saturday, December 7, in any county open to the hunting of deer. Director may suspend or modify open season.

Killing or wounding to be reported to Director, Division of Fisheries and Game, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, in writing over hunter's own signature and address, within 48 *hours* giving the date of killing, town in which deer was killed, and the sex; also approximate weight.

NO PERSON SHALL HUNT ANY BIRD OR MAMMAL IN ANY COUNTY OPEN TO THE HUNTING OF DEER AFTER HAVING KILLED A DEER DURING THE CURRENT SEASON.

ARROWS—must be plainly marked with the name and permanent address of user.

HUNTING DOGS—may be trained at any time (except during the open season on deer) provided no firearms are carried during the closed season. No sporting or hunting license necessary.

NO PROTECTION ON FOLLOWING SPECIES (may be hunted at any time of year by licensed hunters)—English sparrow, bronzed or purple grackle, (crow blackbird), crow, jay, starling, sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk, goshawk or great horned owl, chipmunk, red squirrel, weasel porcupine, fox, skunk, woodchuck, wildcat (bobcat).

CLOSED SEASON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR on all

birds and mammals not mentioned herein. Not to be killed, taken, or held in possession at any time or feathers used for purpose of dress or ornament.

TRAP, SKEET OR TARGET SHOOTING permitted on Sunday, in accordance with city and town regulations.

PROHIBITED

Aliens hunting, trapping or possessing any wild bird or mammal, owning or having firearms in their possession or under their control.

Discharge of firearms within fifty yards of highway, or within 500 feet of a dwelling in use.

Ferreting and the possession of ferrets or fitches.

Hunting or carrying shotgun or rifle while intoxicated.

Hunting on Sunday or on posted land or State reservations.

Hunting by minors under fifteen years of age.

Importation or liberation of any live wild fur-bearing or game mammals or any live game bird, except under permit from Director.

Loaded shotgun or rifle in motor vehicle or motor boat.

Removal of any mammal from walls, holes in trees, ground or logs.

Rifles chambered to take larger than 22 calibre long rifle ammunition, pistols and revolvers larger than 38 calibre between the hours of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. Shotgun shells loaded with any shot, bullet or ball larger than No. 1 shot, together with shotgun (except during open season on deer).

Use of full automatic firearms (machine guns).

Sale of all species of game mammals and wild birds, except heads, hides and hoofs of deer.

Taking, destroying or disturbing eggs or nests of birds protected by law.

Transporting game into or out of the State if illegally taken.

Use of grain for baiting wild birds.

Use of nets, snares, traps, swivel or pivot guns, torches, artificial lights, vehicles, power or sail boats for purpose of taking or killing birds.

Possession of any wild bird or mammal without a special permit.

TRAPPING

Species	Open season
Beaver	No open season
Fox	November 1 to March 1
Mink	November 1 to March 1
Muskrat	November 1 to March 1
Opossum	November 1 to January 1
Otter	November 1 to March 1
Raccoon*	November 1 to January 1
Skunk	November 1 to March 1
Weasel	November 1 to March 1
Wildcat (bobcat)	November 1 to March 1

*Raccoon—no more than 2 from sunset of one day to sunset of the following day by one person, or 3 by two or more persons in same group. Seasonal limit, 10.

TRAPS must be marked legibly with user's name and must be removed at end of open season. Must be visited once every 24 hours. Spread of jaws must not exceed 6 inches. Traps not to be set on the improved, enclosed or posted land of another, except by written permission, nor in highways, cart roads or paths of domestic mammals or human beings or within 10 feet of a muskrat house. Muskrat houses not to be torn open, disturbed or destroyed. Traps must kill mammals at once or take alive and unhurt unless city or town has voted suspension of Anti-Steel Trap Law provisions. Stop-thief traps or dead-falls with openings larger than 6-inch spread are forbidden.

OWNERS OR TENANTS may trap any wild mammals (ex-

cept deer) which are damaging crops; hares and rabbits, box traps only. Skins and hides must not be sold.

LYNX (Wildcat)—bounty of $10.00 for killing. Apply to town treasurer.

PROHIBITED

Aliens trapping.
All trapping between March 2 and October 31, both dates inclusive.
Poisoning, and the possession of poisoned skins.
Use of snares, Tooth-jaw and Choke traps.
Use of scent or scented bait.
Trapping by minors under fifteen years of age.

FISHING

OPEN SEASONS — ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

Species	Open season	Daily bag	Minimum legal length—inches
Black bass	July 1 to Feb. 15	5	10
Blue gills	April 15 to Feb. 15	20	—
Calico bass	April 15 to Feb. 15	20	—
Crappie	April 15 to Feb. 15	20	—
Great northern pike or musgallonge	April 15 to Feb. 15	5	20
Horned pout	April 15 to Feb. 15	20	—
Pickerel	April 15 to Feb. 15	10	12
Pike perch	April 15 to Feb. 15	5	12
Salmon	April 15 to Feb. 15	5	12
Shad	April 15 to Feb. 15	20	—
Sunfish	April 15 to Feb. 15	20	—
Trout*	April 15 to July 31	12	6
White perch**	April 15 to Feb. 15	15	7
Yellow perch	April 15 to Feb. 15	20	—

*Trout—Deerfield River or its diverted waters, Millers River or its diverted waters, and in all great ponds—daily bag limit, 6; minimum legal length, 9 inches. Deerfield River or its diverted waters—artificial lures only from concrete bridge west of Charlemont Village to Mass.—Vermont State line. Single rod and line to be held in hand in Deerfield River.

**White perch—except in Dukes and Nantucket Counties.

SALMON AND TROUT—Taking prohibited two hours after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

FISH FREQUENTING FRESH WATER— may be taken by means of not more than two hooks or two flies (two lines with one hook each or one line with two hooks). Five tip-ups or traps may be used for ice fishing.

SHINERS FOR BAIT—(except for purposes of sale) may be taken by licensed fishermen with a rectangular net not exceeding 36 square feet of net area or by a hoop or circular net not exceeding 6 feet in diameter or with a fish trap with openings not exceeding 1 inch. Special license required to take for purposes of sale—fee: $5.00.

PROHIBITED

POSSESSION OF MORE THAN 20 FISH IN THE AGGREGATE OF ALL KINDS (exclusive of shiners, suckers, eels and carp), in any one calendar day).
All fishing between February 16 and April 14, inclusive.
Explosives, poisons, pollution, tin cans or rubbish in inland waters.
Float or toggle fishing.
Introducing fish or spawn into inland waters, except by permit from Director.
Sale of black bass wherever taken.
Sale of fresh water fish taken in Massachusetts.
Transporting fish into or out of the Commonwealth if illegally taken.
Use of other than natural bait for ice fishing.

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